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1. On Bulgarian Army Day, 9 September 1950, a parade was held in Sofia.
2. The parade consisted of the following troop units:
 - a. Six hundred Army and 100 Air Force cadets from the Military-Air Force Academy.
 - b. One cavalry guard unit.
 - c. Seventeen infantry, border, and scout companies.
 - d. Fifty-two trucks for motorized infantry, each carrying 16 men.
 - e. Eighteen companies of former Partisan fighters. Three of these companies were made up of women.
 - f. Six hundred officers who were not in any Army unit.
3. The following equipment was in the parade:
 - a. Six trucks equipped with heavy anti-aircraft guns.
 - b. Twelve 76.2 mm. field pieces, truck drawn.
 - c. Twelve 122 mm. howitzers.
 - d. Twelve 122 mm. mortars.
 - e. Twenty-four anti-aircraft guns, 35, 77, and 85 mm.
 - f. Eight 122 mm. cannons.
 - g. Eight 152 mm. howitzers.
 - h. Eighty T-34/85 tanks.*
 - i. Twelve Katyushas.

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